

HOPKINS AT THE FAIR.

Coal and Coke Display Will Make Strong Showing.

FORESTRY SPECIALTIES FOR KENTUCKY BUILDING.

Tobacco, Logs and Lumber, Fruits, Mineral Water, Photographs.

The chief coal mining county of Kentucky, the resourceful county of Hopkins, of which Earlington is the mining center, is in line to put up one of the biggest exhibits of coal and coke that will be made from Kentucky at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Messrs. Jno. B. Atkinson and Jas. R. Rash of Earlington, and I. Bailey, of Madisonville, are members of the Mineral Committee of the Kentucky Exhibit Association and this committee had no trouble in securing a promise from the operators of all that will be needed to make the coal display attractive.

The exhibit from the St. Bernard group of mines and the coke works has not been definitely decided upon but will be worthy the close attention of every visitor to the Exposition, who is interested in coal mining and geology.

Mr. Bailey, Secretary and General Manager of the Reinecke Coal Co., of Madisonville, has agreed to furnish a large section of coal taken from his mine, together with a full line of broken coal and briquettes. Mr. Bailey is also to send photographic views of the surface and interior works. Mr. J. T. Edmunds, Secretary of the Nortonville Coal Co., is to ship from these mines a section of coal and lump together with coke made from this coal.

In agriculture, horticulture and in forestry, Hopkins county will also appear quite conspicuously.

Mr. Atkinson, after years of toil along this line, has gathered a wonderful collection of Kentucky woods. These he has made into picture frames, showing both the bark and the polished wood, and enclosing many handsome forest views. There are 123 varieties in all, the largest collection ever made in Kentucky, and the Exhibit Association announces that these will probably be used to adorn the walls of one of the rooms in the Kentucky Building at the Exposition.

In addition to this Mr. Atkinson has promised to let the Association have the fine display of grasses he has collected. These grasses have been looked after especially by Mr. H. S. Corey, of Earlington, the farm superintendent for the St. Bernard Mining Company.

Mr. J. L. Rodgers, of Nebo, has promised several hands of very fine tobacco. Mr. Jno. C. Thompson, of Madisonville, is to make an exhibit of tobacco, cured by him by a new process and this is expected to attract attention of growers of the "weed" everywhere. Mr. Thompson has also sent to the Exhibit Association eight varieties of fruit for cold storage.

In the forestry exhibit from Hopkins there will be shown logs and lumber from the mills of Hunter & Skeavington and Ross Givens, of Providence, and the J. W. Green Lumber Co., of Nortonville. The Dawson Springs Co., of this county, is to make an extensive exhibit of its mineral waters in bottles. Willingham & Fox, of Dawson Springs, have been appointed Official World's Fair Photographers for the county and are now actively engaged in getting views.

MULDRAUGH'S HILL

L. & N. Will Reduce Grade and Avoid Long Tunnel.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Dec. 26.—Later information in regard to the survey which is being made out of Elizabethtown over Muldraugh's Hill, is to the effect that if the road can locate a lower grade line over the hill, the old road will be abandoned from Elizabethtown to Lebanon Junction. The company is endeavoring to secure a grade over the hill of about forty feet to the mile, instead of seventy-two feet, the present grade, and get rid of the tunnel, which is 1,700 feet long. A survey, starting from Nolin and running up Middle creek is the most practical line, as far as cost and grade are concerned, but it would leave Elizabethtown out, which the road cannot do, on account of its charter.

The engineers now in the field are not very sanguine of getting over Muldraugh's Hill from Elizabethtown with a satisfactory grade, the main trouble being in getting down the hill on the other side.

LOOSE TOBACCO MARKET.

Hopkinsville Will Open on the Breaks January 5th.

The loose tobacco market will open in Hopkinsville on Tuesday, January 5. There have been about 15,000 pounds received already for sale loose on the floor, and it is probable that 75,000 pounds of the weed will be offered the buyers on the first day. There were no sales on the breaks this week, but 79 hogsheads were disposed of privately.

This brings the sales for the year up to 10,000 hogsheads. Receipts for the year amount to 11,250 hogsheads.

Loose buyers have been more active during the past ten days and a few sales in the country are reported.—Hopkinsville Kentuckian.

Christmas Entertainment.

The General Baptist Sunday school gave a delightful entertainment at their church Christmas eve night that was greatly enjoyed by all present. The program was nicely arranged and well rendered after which Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed presents from the Christmas tree to the little ones. After the distribution of presents the audience witnessed a balloon ascension which closed the program. The affair was very successful.

Drank Ammonia.

Tom Guines, col., drank a small quantity of ammonia last Saturday, thinking it was whiskey. He was taken to the hospital and treated by Dr. Johnson. Although the unusual potion made him quite sick for a short while, he discovered his mistake before imbibing a sufficient quantity to seriously interfere with his internal organism.

Nice Christmas Gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sullivan were the recipients of a valuable and highly prized Christmas gift last Friday in the shape of twins. They were both big fine girls, and Jack is wearing a very broad smile just now.

Were Older.

In writing up the marriage of Mr. Clarence Fox and Miss Daisy Lester last week THE BEE was misinformed as to their ages. Mr. Fox is twenty and Miss Lester seventeen.

LOCOMOTIVE BLASTS

The Crazy Quilt Mother Sent.

Oh, what a lot of ecstasy through my very being runs,
Surely I will be happy till another Christmas comes;
Things to eat, things to wear, and things for ornament—
But the star of them all's the crazy quilt mother sent.

There are so many patches, you couldn't count them all,
Triangular, square and round, some are great and small;
Oh, could I but read the prayerful thoughts that went
Along with the stitches in the crazy quilt mother sent.

Behold! the remains of silken things that joy did bring;
Baby dresses, school dresses, and the dress I married in;
I will dream tonight of the dear old days long ago spent
While sleeping under the precious crazy quilt mother sent.

—W. J. B.

E. M. Sherwood, Illinois Central agent at Hopkinsville, has also been appointed agent of the Tennessee Central at that place.

The membership of the various railway organizations is given as not less than 285,000. They are not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. L. J. Irwin, the very popular general freight and passenger agent of the L. H. & St. L. railway, has been elected chairman of the Louisville Freight Committee for the year 1904.

The increase in wages during the past year have cost the railroad companies of this country in round numbers about \$50,000,000. The total number of men on the pay rolls of the railways in the United States on June 1, 1903, was about 1,450,000. Of this number at least one-fifth was classed as trainmen, and they received in the aggregate \$170,000,000. The total amount paid in wages last year was in the neighborhood of \$620,000,000. The compensation of the railroad employees takes out about 60 per cent. of the gross earnings each year.

While engine 413 was taking train No. 70 from Howell to Evansville on the 18th the cab was torn away entirely by one of the chutes of the Ingle coal mines. When the engine was within a few car lengths of the mines two boxes of coal were dropped from the top into one of the chutes, knocking it down. As the train was running at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour, it was impossible to stop in such a short distance. Luckily no one was injured. The engine had to be shopped for a new cab.

Frederick Atwood, chief clerk in Mr. Walsh's office at Howell, spent Christmas with relatives in Columbus, Ohio.

"Are the new engines of the 1018 class any larger than the 900's?" asked an H. D. man of another the other day.

"Well, yes; in one respect they are."

"What respect is that?"

"They are larger in the number."

As usual none of the locals were run on Christmas day, nor will any be run on the first day of January.

The number of switching engine 1052 has been changed to 2052.

Mr. C. Haile, Traffic Manager of the M. K. & T. Ry., and party, passed over the L. & N. Christmas in a private car on their way to Jacksonsville.

Engine 110 was laid up a few days last week for a broken frame.

Fireman C. H. Bundick has resigned.

B. E. Branham, foreman of the erecting department in the machine shop at Howell, has resigned. Mr. Branham entered the service of the

L. & N. as an apprentice, serving four years, after which, with close application to business, he rose rapidly.

Howell shops closed down Christmas eve, resuming operation Monday morning the 28th. It is thought that the same thing will be repeated New Year's day.

The fellow who was looking for a snap Christmas certainly found it, but it was a mighty cold snap.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Burtischer of Evansville, went to Cannelton, Ind., last Saturday to spend Sunday with relatives.

One of the Terminal roads at St. Louis, recently borrowed an engine from one of the larger roads terminating there, requesting their engineer to make a thorough examination of the engine when received and make a report of it. The engineer made the following report: "Jack up the whistle and put a new engine under it."

Engineer Jack Covert, who has been very sick for sometime, is now able to be up and around.

F. O. Walsh, M. M., Atlantic & West Point Ry., Montgomery, Ala., spent Christmas with his father, Mr. Thomas Walsh, of Howell.

Engineer A. J. Warner and fireman E. V. Partington spent Christmas in Evansville.

General Foreman E. J. Young went to St. Louis Monday on business for the Company.

Engineer E. W. Bonham is off duty at the present time on account of injuries he received recently from falling into track pit at Union Station, Nashville.

A. R. Burlison while picking up coal in the old coal pit at Howell last Sunday to wheel it to new round house was struck in the head by a lump of coal weighing eight or ten pounds, which was being thrown from a car into the bin. The injury, however, was slight.

James J. Hill has introduced a new economy out West on the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington railroad systems, says the New York Sun. While he has caused the bookkeepers, trainmen and engineers much tribulation, it has been found to pay well.

Each engine on the system has a tab kept on its daily employment. In a book is kept the cost of that particular piece of machinery, and against it is charged every cent of expense for oil, for fuel, for repairs, for operation, and on the credit side is given what it earns each day, based on the tonnage hauled.

If engine No. 200 is found to be costing more for oil, fuel or repairs than engine No. 300, an investigation is at once instituted. The engineer is just asked to explain. The result is that No. 200 reforms. The same plan is to be extended to every car on the system, and the conductors and engine men who can make the best showing are down to get bonuses at the end of the year.

The sole idea is to secure better returns, and while the idea costs many thousands of dollars in execution, it has been found greatly to increase earning power while lessening expense.

The L. & N. instituted this plan some time ago.

Is It?

(From the Murray Times.)

"Good old father Glenn, of the Madisonville Graphic, persists in the saying that Madisonville is the best town on earth, yet in the local option election there last Saturday, the whiskey men carried the day by a majority of more than two hundred. It may be the best town but this does not show the best people on earth, altogether."

In Jail at Madisonville.

The nine negroes who are thought to have murdered a white man near Pembroke a few days ago were moved from Hopkinsville to Madisonville last Thursday for safe keeping. The murder was so brutal and horrible that it was feared that the indignant citizens of Pembroke and vicinity would force the jail at Hopkinsville and lynch the murderers.

Married at Clarksville.

Louis Krebs, of this city, and Mrs. M. E. Lever, of Guthrie, Ky., were married in Clarksville last Tuesday. Mr. Krebs is a baker in the employ of M. B. Long, and is a hardworking man. Mrs. Krebs is an estimable lady. THE BEE extends congratulations.

MINING NOTES.

The proper depth has been reached by the workmen at the new shaft being sunk in this city, and work will now soon be begun on the third shaft. The new four track tippie will also soon be begun, so as to be finished by the early spring.—Uniontown Telegram.

The Bell Coal and Mining Company, of Sturgis, has had strike trouble the past two weeks because of their determination not to allow their mines to be unionized. This company has been paying the union scale and more than railroad wages for railroad construction work.

Nearly every mine in the Cripple Creek camp is said to be increasing its output and the December tonnage, it is predicted, will be up to the normal amount, notwithstanding the recent labor troubles.

Mr. Nick Straker, who has been quite ill for some time, is improving slowly.

Mr. Pat Blair, stable boss at the Diamond mine, will leave next month on a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Mr. Em Goodloe was in Madisonville Saturday.

Messrs. Henry and Will Magenhimer, of St. Charles, visited their parents in this city last week.

The new opening at Barnsley is now loading from 12,000 to 15,000 bushels of coal a day. This is good work as this mine has only been loading coal one month.

The river coal interests at Louisville have been fighting vigorously this week against the encroachment of the ice, which threatened to destroy \$1,500,000 worth of coal moored at the "Pumpkin Patch" above that city. The conditions have been and are very serious.

In the largest of the Pennsylvania anthracite districts, the seventh, statistics of accidents for 1902 show a smaller number of deaths for the coal mined than ever before recorded.

The Advance Coal and Mining Company, of Boyle county, Ky., has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state with \$10,000 capital stock. It is the purpose of this company to develop mineral lands in that county.

Mr. Hugh Griffin, nightwatch at this place, returned home Monday from a visit to relatives at Crofton.

Mr. Em Goodloe and son, Leonard, went to Dalton on a hunting trip this week.

Oscar Walton, who formerly worked in the mines at this place, and who has been railroading in the West, is at home on a visit after a absence of five years.

Mr. John Larmouth has been on the sick list for a few days this week.

Mr. Henry Coleman, who formerly lived at this place, died at Greenville, Ky., last Saturday and was buried in the cemetery here the following day.

Otto O'Bryant, of the Barnsley mine, visited friends here Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

Drunken Man Killed at Island, McLean County, While Resisting Arrest.

THE CITY MARSHAL'S SURE SHOT.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 26.—Joe Burton was shot and killed yesterday at Island, in this county, by town marshal Everett Foster. Burton and a man named Stephens were drunk, and when the marshal attempted to arrest them Burton resisted and threatened to kill the officer. Burton then returned to his home, secured a shotgun, and meeting the marshal, attempted to kill him. The officer was too quick for the drunken man, however, and pulling his pistol, shot him dead. No arrests have been made, as witnesses to the tragedy state that the shooting was justifiable.

A Picturesque Scene.

Last Tuesday evening twelve old maids(?) who live in Earlington, with the exception of one, who resides in Evansville, and by the way the most timid of her kind, met with a prominent member of their circle for the purpose of relating their horrible experiences with man during the past year. In the meantime they became so noisy in their exclamations that three young ladies passing by were frightened and ran in to see what the trouble was, and to their amazement and wonder they confronted the twelve, whose manner and dress portrayed their age and station without a doubt.

They were just preparing to have tea, and very cordially invited the young ladies to join them for the evening and assured them that in a few years if they would discard the very thought of man they should become members of the club, but these girls suggested that a batchlors club in connection with this one would make things a little more pleasant; Holy horrors! at this suggestion the maids turned suddenly pale and some actually fainted away. However they were soon restored by the assurance that there was not a man in sight. One of the maids showed signs of disappointment, and when the young ladies made their departure followed them to the door and whispered that a visit from the bachelors would not be displeasing to her at all.

It is rumored that late in the evening the bachelors appeared on the scene, which of course was quite a surprise, and we suspect the maids were all smiles.

Secret Societies Elect Officers.

The officers elected by the E. W. Turner Lodge, Earlington, are as follows: Carl Woolfolk, W. M.; Henry Bourland, S. W.; Nollie Umstead, J. W.; W. E. Martin, S. D.; Charlie Webb, J. D.; Charles Cowell, Sec'y; G. C. Atkinson, Treas.; J. W. Twyman, Tyler.

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 84, EARLINGTON.

Chas. Cowell, C. C.; Ernest Newton, V. C.; Rev. Innet, Prelate; David Cowell, M. of W.; Theo. Watts, K. of R. & S.; Jesse Phillips, M. of Ex.; Charlie Webb, M. of A.; H. D. Coward, I. G.; Marion Slisk, O. G.; W. G. Barter, Trustee. These officers will be installed Monday night and it is important that every member of this lodge should be present as there is other business of importance to be transacted.

GOLDEN CROSS.

J. Ellsworth Evans, P. N. C.; M. B. Cansler, N. C.; Harriet D. Browning, V. N. C.; Blanche Wyatt, W. P.; Sallie R. Stevens, K. of R.; J. B. Wyatt, F. N. of R.; Tom Young, Jr., Treas.; Oscar McEuen, W. H.; Jas. Ezell, W. of I. G.; Chas. Cowell, W. of O. G.

DEGREE OF HONOR.

The A. O. U. W. will elect officers for the ensuing year tonight.

The Degree of Honor elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their last meeting night:

Mrs. Cole Brown, Chief of Honor; Mrs. Walter Peyton, Lady of Honor; Mrs. Sallie Stevens, Chief of Ceremonies; Mrs. R. A. Baugh, Past Chief of Honor; Mrs. Dave Smith, Financier; Miss Lizzie Huff, Recorder; R. A. Baugh, Receiver; W. C. Brown, Inside Watchman; Dave Smith, Outside Watchman.

Madisonville lodge, No. 143, F. and A. M., met Saturday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: B. M. Slaton, W. M.; Dr. W. J. Lamb, S. W.; E. L. Hendricks, J. W.; C. O. Osburn, Secretary; W. H. Jernigan, Treasurer; H. H. Holeman, S. D.; T. E. Finley, J. D. L. D. Hockersmith, steward and tyler.